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LION DANCING



PASCAL PAQUETTE

A traditional lion dance was one of the many features of Chinese New Year celebrations in the Great Hall of Hart House Jan. 22. Over 300 students, staff and faculty feasted on a \$5 buffet lunch as part of the monthly buffets organized by Hart House with input from student groups to feature foods from different countries.

U.S. Border Concerns Keep Researchers Home

By Elaine Smith and Janet Wong

INCREASED CONCERNS ABOUT BORDER security prevented two Chinese-born graduate students from presenting papers in the United States recently, an issue that has administrators ready to take action.

The two environmental toxicology students, Yushan Su and Hang Xiao, were slated to make presentations about the movement of pollutant chemicals in the environment to their colleagues at the annual meeting of the Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry, being held in Houston. They applied early for visas, booked their hotel, purchased airplane tickets and prepared their posters and presentations.

It was then the environmental toxicology students hit a brick wall at the U.S. consulate — the term toxicology was a red flag to consular officials. Su and Xiao were refused visas and told they would have to undergo background checks because officials were concerned they worked with toxic chemicals. A letter from the society's president explaining the conference and its value in shaping U.S. public policy made no difference. The delay forced Su and Xiao to abandon their plans and to absorb more than \$1,000 in registration fees and flight and accommodations costs.

"We were surprised," said the students' supervisor, Professor Frank Wania of chemistry. "Both had been to the same meeting the year before and followed the very same procedures and there were no problems at all."

Faculty members from chemical engineering and chemistry were outraged by the incident, which impeded the

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**EXTRA!
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To help the university celebrate a milestone event, there will be an extra issue of *The Bulletin* on news stands Feb. 2.

Stipendiary Instructors Vote for Unionization

By Jessica Whiteside

STIPENDIARY INSTRUCTORS AT U OF T have voted in favour of union representation but exactly who will be included in their bargaining unit is not yet clear.

The Ontario Labour Relations Board has determined that a majority of the total votes cast in an Oct. 21 unionization vote favour representation by the Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 3902. That

majority stands even after taking into consideration that a number of votes remain segregated and uncounted because of a disagreement over the definition of the bargaining unit; the union has proposed a broader membership than the university.

"We have very good relationships with our unions and we expect this to continue with CUPE 3902," said Professor Angela Hildyard, vice-president (human resources and equity).

The local now awaits an interim certificate from the labour board that would give it bargaining and representational rights, pending the board's final decision on the scope of the bargaining unit. On Jan. 9, the university, CUPE and the University of Toronto Faculty Association completed their arguments before the labour board about the definition of the bargaining unit; a decision is not expected for at least another two weeks.

"Until then, any appointments to

stipendiary positions will be made consistent with past practice," Hildyard said.

Once it receives an interim certificate, the union will start engaging its new members in initial discussions for a bargaining proposal and choose a bargaining committee, said Mikael Swayze, staff representative for CUPE Local 3902. He described the majority support for the union as "a strong endorsement."

"We're quite delighted by this," he said. "It's been a long time coming."

Varsity Site Discussions Continue

DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN U OF T and a group of private investors on revitalization of the athletic facilities on the site of Varsity Stadium are continuing.

One of the proposed partners, Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment, has decided to continue the discussions with the university. If successful, the plan

could result in a 25,000-seat stadium with an all-weather track, rebuilding Varsity Arena and creating a new second ice rink.

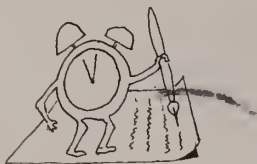
"We're pleased to see the dialogue continue," said President Robert Birgeneau. "Our primary interest remains in having high-quality athletic and recreational facilities for our students."

While specific details are still being ironed out, the potential arrangement could see the stadium and ice rinks built at no cost to the university, with the land for the project leased by the university for 25 to 35 years then donated to U of T. Birgeneau said the proposal could involve stadium use by the Toronto Argonauts or other athletic

teams but added the priority would be U of T athletics. The second ice surface would provide a practice facility for the Toronto Maple Leafs.

"These remain early stage discussions," he said, "and any formal proposals will be followed by extensive discussion with the U of T community and subject to approval by university governance."

IN BRIEF



UNIVERSITY FORECASTS SMALLER NET LOSS

A FORECAST OF WHAT THE UNIVERSITY'S OVERALL FINANCIAL SITUATION MAY BE at the end of this fiscal year in April projects a smaller net loss (revenues minus expenses) than last year. The forecast, presented to Business Board Jan. 19, projected that although U of T may still experience a net loss for the year ending April 30, 2004, the figure will likely be significantly less than last year — a projected net loss of \$60.2 million compared with \$164.4 million last year. The written report, from controller Sheila Brown, cautioned that the forecast is a ballpark estimate based on projections and that actual results could differ materially come spring.

NEW DIRECTOR OF STRATEGIC COMPUTING APPOINTED

THE OFFICE OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT AND PROVOST HAS APPOINTED A DIRECTOR OF strategic computing. Marden Paul, who has worked in the information systems field for the past 18 years, assumed the position Jan. 5. The directorship is a redefinition of the position of provost's adviser on information technology held by the late Jack Gorrie. The broader mandate of this position involves providing co-ordination, direction and guidance to the provost and U of T's computing divisions in implementing administrative and academic computing systems. Paul will also advise on the strategic use of information technology resources in fulfilling U of T's research and teaching mission. Most recently, he served as client services manager in the Department of Administrative Management Systems.

NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR GOVERNING COUNCIL SEATS

NOMINATIONS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE, TEACHING AND STUDENT POSITIONS ON Governing opened Jan. 19 and will close at noon on Jan. 30. There is one seat open for administrative staff, four seats for full-time undergraduates (two for students registered in arts and science on all three campuses and two for students in applied science and engineering, physical education and health, law, medicine, music, nursing, OISE/UT, pharmacy and dentistry). There are also three positions available for students at the School of Graduate Studies and two seats for part-time undergraduate students. In addition, nominations for three alumni members will close Feb. 24 at 4 p.m. Elections are held each year and are conducted under the rules set out by Governing Council with the new term starting July 1, 2004. More information and nomination forms are available at www.utoronto.ca/govcncl/elections/index.htm.

PEERS NAMED ECUMENIST-IN-RESIDENCE

MICHAEL PEERS, OUTGOING PRIMATE OF THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA, HAS been appointed the first ecumenist-in-residence at the Toronto School of Theology (TST). As a guest lecturer in a number of classes, Peers will participate in the scholarly, social and worship life of the seven member colleges, four affiliate schools and eight participating denominations of TST. The school offers a full range of academic and professional degrees, granted jointly by member colleges and U of T. Established in 1970, it is one of the largest and most diverse theological co-operatives in the world. Peers will take up his one-year appointment July 1.

AWARDS & HONOURS

FACULTY OF APPLIED SCIENCE & ENGINEERING

UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR MICHAEL SEFTON, DIRECTOR OF THE Institute of Biomaterials & Biomedical Engineering, has been elected a fellow of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers. Founded in 1908, the institute is a nonprofit organization representing 57,000 members in industry, academia and government and provides leadership in advancing the chemical engineering profession.

FACULTY OF ARTS & SCIENCE

UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR JAMES ARTHUR OF MATHEMATICS has been elected by the American Mathematical Society as president-elect, officially taking office Feb. 1. He will assume the presidency of the society one year later. Founded in 1888 to further mathematical research and scholarship, the 30,000-member society fulfils its mission through programs and services that promote mathematical research and its uses, strengthen mathematical education and foster awareness and appreciation of mathematics and its connections to other disciplines and to everyday life.

PROFESSOR PAUL DOWNES OF ENGLISH WAS CHOSEN AS THE winner of the 10th annual Prize for a First Book for *Democracy, Revolution and Monarchism in Early American Literature* (Cambridge University Press). Awarded by the Modern Language Association of America since 1993, the prize is given each year for an outstanding scholarly work — a literary or linguistic study, a critical edition of an important work or a critical biography — as the first book-length publication by a current member of the association. Downes received the award Dec. 28 at the MLA convention in San Diego.

FACULTY OF MEDICINE

PROFESSOR PAUL PENCHARZ OF PEDIATRICS AND NUTRITIONAL sciences has been selected as the 2003-2004 recipient of McGill University's Earle W. Crampton Award for Distinguished Service in Nutrition. Established in 1973, the prize is given in honour of Crampton, who founded the first graduate nutrition program in Canada and was responsible for the establishment and promotion of nutrition research and teaching at McGill University. Pencharz will receive the award Feb. 19 at the Crampton Award luncheon held at McGill's Macdonald campus.

OISE/UT

BONNIE BURSTOW, A SENIOR LECTURER IN ADULT EDUCATION and counselling psychology, was one of three recipients of the 2003 City of Toronto Constance E. Hamilton Award on the Status of Women. Named after city council's first woman member, elected in 1920, the award commemorates the Privy Council decision of 1929 which forced the federal government to recognize women as "persons" according to the terms of the Constitution Act, 1867. Recipients are those who have volunteered to work on behalf of women and whose actions have a significant impact

in securing equitable treatment for women in Toronto. Burstow received the award at the Dec. 10 presentation of the 2003 Access, Equity & Human Rights Awards and celebration in honour of Human Rights Day held at City Hall rotunda.

PROFESSOR GEORGE DEI OF SOCIOLOGY AND EQUITY STUDIES in education was one of two winners of the 2003 City of Toronto William P. Hubbard Award for Race Relations. Established in 1989 and named after Toronto's first African-Canadian councillor, the award is given by the city to a person or persons whose outstanding achievement and commitment to race relations has made a distinct difference in this field in Toronto. Dei received the award, along with other recipients of 2003 Access, Equity & Human Rights Awards, at a celebration in honour of Human Rights Day held at City Hall rotunda Dec. 10.

LEW FRENCH, AN INSTRUCTOR IN THE CURRICULUM, teaching and learning department and the elementary preservice teacher education program, was the 2003 winner of the Canadian Council for Geographic Education's Geographic Literacy Award, given in recognition of outstanding individual effort in the development, enhancement and promotion of geographic literacy in Canadian education. French, cited as a gifted educator and textbook author, received the award Oct. 25 during the Ontario Association for Geographic & Environmental Education's fall conference.

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO RECEIVED A CERTIFICATE OF Recognition from the Canadian Forces Liaison Council for its contribution to the reserve force. The award recognizes employers who help reservists maintain their commitments to the Canadian Forces. U of T received two nominations for employer support recognition from reservists in 2003, one from Bruce Rolston of public affairs, a lieutenant with 32 Brigade Group Headquarters whose schedule was adjusted so he could "backfill" a position in place of a military member serving overseas in Bosnia, the other from Patrick Chatelain, a student at U of T and a corporal with 25 (Toronto) Medical Company who was granted extensions on final papers on two occasions when he was away from classes for military training and exercises.



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University Unveils Long-Term Plan for Pension Fund

By Jessica Whiteside

THE UNIVERSITY HAS ADOPTED A new funding strategy aimed at creating greater long-term stability for its pension plans. All three of the university's pension plans are defined benefit plans that provide pensions at retirement based on salary and years of service.

The strategy, approved by Business Board Jan. 19 and called fiscally prudent by board chair Jacqueline Orange, will see U of T make special payments of no less than \$26.4 million annually over the next 15 years to amortize deficits in the main registered pension plan (RPP) and the supplemental retirement arrangement (SRA) fund (a third plan, the OISE/UT Registered Pension Plan, has a surplus). Those special payments will continue even if improved investment returns reduce the deficits, in order to provide a cushion in future periods of poor returns.

"There is a deficit in the plan and we have to do something about it," said controller Sheila Brown in an interview. "The intent of the new strategy is to ensure both that current and future pensioners get the pensions they've been promised and that the university's contributions to the pension plans are predictable from a budget standpoint."

The combined pension plan deficits (approximately \$309 million at April 30, 2003) have arisen in part because of poor investment returns in recent years, pension enhancements and various employee and employer contribution holidays that occurred when the RPP had a significant surplus. Under the Income Tax Act, employers cannot contribute to registered

pension plans experiencing surpluses above certain levels so U of T could not make contributions to the RPP during most of those years; that money was put instead towards establishing the SRA (for employees whose earnings between \$98,000 and \$150,000 are not covered by the RPP) and to funding other university projects such as endowed chairs.

The new pension strategy, however, will require full, regular contributions from both the university and employees. If the RPP were to move into another surplus situation such that the university could not legally continue direct contributions, those funds would be set aside instead as reserves outside the RPP. Although the two main pension plans are recording deficits, U of T is actually in a better situation than some other universities that had eliminated pension budgets entirely over the surplus years when markets were good, while U of T had continued to budget for pension funding all along, albeit at 75 per cent of normal contribution levels, said Brown.

Under the new strategy, allocation for pensions in the university's operating budget will rise from \$31.2 million for 2003-04 to \$65.9 million for 2004-05 and continue increasing over time up to \$85 million by 2009-10.

At Business Board Jan. 19, Professor George Luste, president of the faculty association and a longtime critic of the pension plan, questioned the rising level of management expenses.

"The fees are being scrutinized and obviously we do not want them to be any higher than they have to be," Brown said at the meeting.

AN ARTIST REMEMBERED



At an intimate and emotional memorial service, Karyn Sandlos observed the third anniversary of the death of her uncle, David Buller, a lecturer in fine art, who was found slain in his office Jan. 18, 2001. Police are still following up leads but despite a \$50,000 reward, the murder remains unsolved.

SUSAN KING

Images of Space Awe Con Hall Crowd

By Nicolle Wahl

ON THE NIGHT OF FRIDAY, JAN. 16, the temperature in Toronto fell to a frigid -24 C. But at Convocation Hall, hundreds of space enthusiasts braved the bitter cold to dream of someday walking on an even colder planet — Mars.

The event, Expanding Canada's Frontiers: To Mars and Beyond, was organized by the Astronomy and Space Exploration Society, a U of T student group, and featured four speakers — including Canadian astronaut Chris Hadfield — discussing Canada's role in the future of space exploration. The crowd was riding the wave of excitement generated by the

images sent back from the NASA Spirit rover of the surface of the red planet and by U.S. president George Bush's plan to build a colony on the moon and eventually send humans to Mars.

Bob McDonald, host of CBC Radio's science program Quirks and Quarks emceed the event. "Right now the temperature outside this building is about what it is on Mars at noon," he told the enthusiastic audience. Canada provides technology, expertise and astronauts for space exploration and Canadian technology will be heading to Mars in 2007 aboard NASA's Phoenix mission, he said. Beyond that, there is hope for a Canadian-led mission.

Hadfield was the star of the evening. The first Canadian to operate the Canadarm in orbit and the only Canadian to board the Russian space station Mir, Hadfield was also the first Canadian to leave a spacecraft and float freely in space. He is currently the chief of robotics for the NASA astronaut office.

He described the lengthy, grueling training, the sheer power of riding the shuttle into orbit and the difficulties of living in space. But it was the images of Earth, spinning in blackness beneath Hadfield's spacesuit, that captured the awed, silent crowd. According to Hadfield, Canada has a significant role to play in the future of space exploration. "Canada can compete on the international stage," he said.

Darlene Lim, who recently completed her PhD in geology at U of T, also spoke at the event. Lim has been applying her expertise in Canada's high arctic at the Houghton Mars project, where a group of scientists has been simulating the experience of living and working on the red planet.

The second speaker was Vicky Hipkin, a U of T post-doctoral research fellow in physics and co-investigator on MiCA (Mars Imager for Clouds and Aerosol), which has developed an instrument to support the search for evidence of life and active volcanism on Mars.

The third speaker, Professor Dimitar Sasselov of Harvard University, spoke about the prospects for Canada's first space telescope and the science of detecting planets beyond our own solar system.

Ontario University Applications Decrease After Record Year

By Susan Bloch-Nevitte

A DECLINE OF SOME 30 PER CENT in applications to Ontario universities for September 2004 is not a surprise to Sheldon Levy, vice-president (government and institutional relations).

"Nor should it be to anyone who has been studying the double cohort phenomenon," he said. "Last fall's numbers were a high watermark and no one expected them to be sustained at that level."

Levy noted that numbers will

still be higher than before the double cohort, in part due to the additional effects of the echo baby boom and rising participation rates in post-secondary education.

In fact, even though the number of applications to Ontario universities is down for 2004, they are still 49 per cent higher than in 2001.

U of T's first-choice applications are down 32.5 per cent according to data from the Ontario Universities' Application Centre (OUAC) and are generally in line with other

institutions other than the University of Ontario Institute of Technology, which only began admitting students last fall and has recorded a 57.7 per cent increase in applications.

"The application numbers for U of T are consistent with our planning and we will continue to work with the province so that we are able to offer our students a high quality educational experience," Levy added.

Last year U of T had a first-year class of 13,800, a 17 per cent increase over September

2002. This year, according to OUAC, there were 71,000 applications to Ontario universities from secondary schools, down from the 102,000 last year.

"We also have to look at the flow-through effects of these larger numbers on our graduate programs," Levy said. "It's where the next impact will be felt and that needs to become a priority within the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities to protect quality and access to graduate education."

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Weekly Events

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Monday, January 26

Amateur Radio General Meeting with guest speaker, AMSAT President, Robin Haighton, 6pm in the South Dining Room. Refreshments. All welcome.

Wednesday, January 28

WRITUALS: The Literary Café – Monthly poetry reading and open stage, 8:30pm in the Arbor Room. Licensed. No cover. All welcome.

Thursday, January 29

Investment Club Winter Social – 6pm in the East Common Room. All welcome. Thursday Night Theatre Sessions with Director, **Andrew Lamb**, 7pm in the Bickersteth Room. \$5. Sign up at the Hall Porter's Desk for half-hour sessions.

Open Stage – 8:30pm in the Arbor Room. All artists welcome. Licensed. No cover.

Friday, January 30

Jazz at Oscar's – Jorge Miguel, Flamenco Jazz & Global Sounds, 9pm in the Arbor Room. Licensed. No cover. Free. All welcome.

Saturday, January 31

Lit & Lib – "Telling Lies Creatively: Creative Writing Workshop led by **Paul Lima**, 1-4pm in the Committees' Room.

Saturday, February 1

6th Black Inventors Display – Hart House Rotunda.

Tuesday, February 3

Elections for Graduate and Recreational Athletics Committees alumni positions. Feb. 3-21. Nomination forms at Hall Porters' Desk.

Thursday, February 5

High Ceilings: DJ Nite – Lotus Position DJ Masimba, 9pm in the Arbor Room. Licened. No cover. Free. All welcome.

Orchestra Concert – 8pm in the Great Hall. Free. All welcome.

Thursday Night Theatre Workshop – 7pm, Bickersteth Room. \$5. Sign up Porters' Desk.

Friday, February 6

Internatioani Day \$5BUCK Lunch – Celebrate our global reality through food and entertainment, 10am-3pm in the Great Hall.

Black History Month – "Textmessage", gala of spoken word, art, and music, 9pm, Great Hall. Hosted by **Jemini** from FLOW, featuring Dwayne Morgan, Travis Blackman, and more!

UPCOMING

"Martini Night: Shaken Not Stirred" – Tue. Mar. 23 at 7pm, Music Room. Advance tickets now available. 416.978.4732. UofT alumni \$35, UofT students \$30. Non-transferrable.

ART 416.978.8398

The Justina M. Barnicke Gallery – "From Phillips to the Future", Runs to Jan. 29. "Infinite Transitions", sculptural installation by **Ryszard Liltwiniuk**. Runs Thurs. Feb. 5 to Mar. 4.

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U.S. Border Concerns Keep Researchers Home

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flow of ideas across the border. Both department chairs were angry enough to fire off a memo to administrators seeking university action.

"This is about free trade in the intellectual realms and I think that is extremely important," said Professor Douglas Reeve, chair of chemical engineering and applied chemistry and the Frank Dottori Professor of Pulp & Paper Engineering. "I think it is extremely important to Canadian researchers in science and engineering that we should be able to have ready access to the American market and the American scene. We are also able to make significant contributions to the American scene and economy."

Professor Scott Mabury, chair of chemistry, said educating consular officials might make a difference.

"I think it's an individual thing down there on University Avenue [at the U.S. consulate]," he said. "I think it's a real practical issue of border officials making fairly rash decisions without any knowledge about their impact on a career or certainly on the freedom of inquiry aspect.

"If we ignore it, it could spiral downward and next, it's any physics students working with lasers — I mean, this could go anywhere. It's not country based, it's subject based and subjects can drastically broaden."

Professor Vivek Goel, deputy provost and vice-provost (faculty), understands the implications the border difficulties have, not only for the free flow of information but for the careers of aspiring scientists. "It's something that's affecting scholarship," he said. "In a lot of disciplines people have to be present at these key North American meetings and they're not able to do it, so it's affecting people's ability to explore questions they're interested in. For junior faculty that really impacts on their progress because they need to get international

recognition for their scholarship and in a lot of disciplines, many of the international meetings will be in the U.S."

Goel said the university will be pursuing the issue with the U.S. government.

"The president is planning to meet with U.S. officials to

discuss visa and related issues. We hope we can convey an understanding of our concerns," he said. "However, we recognize that the U.S. government's security concerns are paramount and that their rights under international law must be respected."

BORDER SCRUTINY COMMON

By Elaine Smith

HANG XIAO AND YUSHAN SU AREN'T THE FIRST FOREIGN-BORN U OF T students to face difficulties entering the United States and they probably won't be the last.

But that's cold comfort to them and to others whose academic careers are affected by obstacles to accessing American-based conferences and facilities in the post-9/11 security climate.

Shabnaz Pashapour, an Iranian-born doctoral student in physics, can relate all too well to the difficulties faced by the two chemical engineers. Pashapour, a Canadian citizen, specializes in particle physics and must travel to the Fermi National Laboratory near Chicago twice a month to conduct her research and meet with colleagues. Prior to the Sept. 11 terror attacks, Pashapour was rarely delayed at the border long enough to miss her flight. These days, it has become a regular occurrence as she submits to interviews by U.S. customs officials about her research. It's unnerving and it leaves Pashapour dismayed and upset each time.

"I'm OK at the time I'm talking to them," she said, "but to tell you the truth, every time it is finished, I just keep crying before getting into the plane. "Part of it is just my anger because of the unfairness of the world or the discrimination that still exists after we have been fighting [it] for such a long time."

The spectre of Maher Arar also looms large. Arar, a Syrian-born Canadian citizen, was recently stopped by U.S. officials for suspicion of terrorism and deported to Syria, where he was imprisoned and tortured.

"You hear on the news about so many Canadians who have been deported to other countries, Pashapour said. "I mean, I would love to go back to Iran and visit my family but I do not wish at all to go back and be sent to jail."

It's a possibility that has also occurred to her supervisor, Professor Pekka Sinervo, dean of the Faculty of Arts and Science. "She and I now try to co-ordinate our travel to the lab together so someone is around in case something happens," he said.

All three doctoral students were happy to discuss their difficulties, hoping it will make a difference in how students are treated in future but Sinervo isn't so sure the publicity will change the approach of American officials who scrutinize foreign-born visitors.

"I'm not optimistic, that's going to take a significant deprogramming of people who are part of the process," he said. "It's a very significant apparatus that is set up and I think one has to recognize that they're going to be expecting every "i" to be dotted and every "t" to be crossed and you can expect to have problems."

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IN THE NEWS



SHARE THE BACH

PROFESSOR DOREEN RAO CAN'T GET ENOUGH OF JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH'S music. The U of T choral conductor devoted two years to organizing U of T's Bach Festival. The five-day festival kicked off with what Rao dubbed J.S. Bach in the World Today. "What Bach does musically is inseparable from the spiritual, intellectual and social realities of our lives," she told *The Globe and Mail* Jan. 10.

PACK YOUR PARKA

PROFESSOR MARIANNE DOUGLAS IS BUSY SCOURING THE MUCK OF ANTARCTIC ponds. Her grimy, frozen hunt is searching for signs of climate change in the northernmost part of Antarctica. Douglas' frozen forays also include 16 field seasons in Canada's winterlands. "I'm really excited because I'll be able to make comparisons to my research in the Arctic," she told the *Toronto Star* Jan. 1.

FORECAST: WARM CROSSBORDER BREEZE

THE COOL RELATIONS BETWEEN CANADA AND THE U.S. ARE THAWING, ACCORDING to Professor David Welch of political science. The proof? A warm first meeting at the Summit of the Americas, which Welch called a PR coup. "It's a very positive signal and it heralds a general improvement in U.S.-Canadian relations," Welch told *The Washington Times*, Jan. 15. "I think we'll finally see some of the nonsense disappear."

McHEALTHY LIFESTYLE

PROFESSOR THOMAS WOLEVER, CHAIR OF NUTRITIONAL SCIENCES, HOPES McDonalds' costumers will heed the nutritional information now displayed on posters at the counter and on the tray liner. It's all part of the chain's new health conscious campaign that includes bunless burgers and dropping the term "supersize." "I think it's the right of the consumer to know what they're getting so they can make some choices about it," he told CTV news Jan. 19.

A BILLION YEARS YOUNG

A LONGSTANDING SCIENTIFIC BELIEF THAT GALAXIES ARE HITTING THEIR TEENS IS false, according to Professor Robert Abraham of astronomy and astrophysics. Abraham and his team discovered 300 new galaxies that are much older, formed when the universe was just a billion years old. "We're seeing that a large fraction of the stars in the universe are already in place when the universe was quite young, which should not be the case," he told *The Australian* Jan. 7.

COMPILED BY: KAREN KELLY

THE CASE OF THE MISSING LIBRARY

Are Alexandria's lost books waiting to be found?

BY MICHAH RYNOR

THERE AREN'T MANY PEOPLE WHO WOULD TRY TO solve one of the world's great mysteries from a hospital bed while recuperating from quadruple bypass surgery but that's exactly what Robert Blackburn, librarian emeritus, began doing two years ago.

Blackburn, chief librarian at Robarts from 1954 to 1981, has long been haunted by the inconsistencies of the oft-told story of how Egypt's great library of Alexandria was consumed by fire in Julius Caesar's time. Being bedridden gave Blackburn the time to think through what really might have happened so many years ago.

The Royal Alexandria Library, the pride and joy of Cleopatra, was the largest and most important collection of knowledge ever assembled up to that time, Blackburn says.

"It was a true wonder of the world, holding 700,000 hand-written papyrus scrolls. Legend has it that when Julius Caesar arrived in Egypt in 48 BC and deposed Cleopatra's young brother and consort Ptolemy XII — who had to be deposed if Cleopatra was to take her rightful place as queen — she showed her gratitude by offering him her library." To the horror of her librarians, Caesar accepted the gift.

"And so, the whole library was packed up and loaded onto ships," Blackburn says of the old legend. "But the night before the fleet was set to sail for Rome a great fire in the harbour destroyed all the ships and cargoes. Nothing was saved and that was supposedly the end of the library."

But Blackburn cannot accept this turn of events. "Running this story through my mind, I realized that it could not be altogether true. It is too full of improbabilities."

Improbabilities, he says, that include the time it would take to pack and transport these scrolls to the docks. Also, Blackburn believes Cleopatra would never have agreed to part with the whole of her beloved library that had helped to make Alexandria

the new intellectual, cultural and commercial centre of the Hellenic world — he believes the librarians would have done everything possible to stop Caesar from taking the books.

Further, Blackburn can't figure out how a fire could destroy everything so completely that not a single scroll was saved or found later. And then there was Livy, a contemporary of Caesar, who wrote that 40,000 books were destroyed in the fire — a mere

fraction of the 700,000 volumes in existence at the time. Many historians think the fire

spread throughout the city and reached the main library, consuming the rest of the 700,000 books but how could this be true, Blackburn asks, considering the city was all stone and marble and the library was a considerable distance from the waterfront?

According to a book by another Alexandria researcher, E.A. Parsons (who sifted through all the known records of the library up to 1950), there are many conflicting statements about what really happened that night. So, did the librarians hatch a plan to fool the Romans and

if so, where are the books now?

This is what Parsons — and Blackburn — believe took place. Reports of the time say Cleopatra was eager to please Caesar and at a special banquet had her librarians regale him with the grandiosities of the library. During the dinner she tells him to take whatever books might interest him. Caesar accepts but decides to take not a few examples of her generosity but 40,000 home with him, thus horrifying the queen's librarians.

Blackburn believes Caesar was duped and that the scrolls loaded onto the waiting Roman ships were actually straw-filled bags that eventually went up in smoke. The great fire that began on the docks — either accidentally or on purpose — supposedly destroyed all the books but Blackburn believes they were sent to a nearby cave for safekeeping.

Blackburn continues to fine-tune his theory and wonders what might be found if an expedition were mounted today. "The cave would probably be within a day's camel ride from the former city," he says.



KATHY BOAKE

Architecture Appoints New Dean

By Mary Alice Thring

GEORGE BAIRD, AWARD-WINNING architect, theorist and educator, has been named dean of the Faculty of Architecture, Landscape and Design for a four-year term beginning July 1, 2004.

"Professor Baird will assume the deanship at a time that offers tremendous opportunities to move the faculty forward," said Provost Shirley Neuman. "He brings to the position his considerable experience as an important scholar of architecture and award-winning practitioner." Currently the G. Ware

Travelstead Professor of Architecture at Harvard's Graduate School of Design, Baird is also a partner in the Toronto-based architecture and urban design firm of Baird Sampson Neuert Architects Inc. He received his bachelor of architecture from U of T in 1962 and did postgraduate research at University College, London. He received a master of arts from Harvard in 1994 and has taught and lectured at other major institutions in Canada — including U of T where he taught from 1968 to 1993 — Europe and the United States.

During his career Baird has focused on issues of architectural and urban design and design history and theory. His recent studios have explored the social and political aspects of the design of public space and the development of new housing in existing neighbourhoods. Baird is the author of *The Space of Appearance* and the forthcoming *A New Theory of Public Space* as well as a major book on architect and designer Alvar Aalto. He is currently engaged in the preparation of a series of profiles of notable figures in the field of architectural theory since 1968.

Baird has won the Canadian Architect Award on several occasions for his professional projects and was elected a fellow of the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada in 1986. He won the Governor General's Award for Architecture for Cloud Gardens Park, Toronto, in 1994; in 2000 he was awarded the da Vinci Medal by the Ontario Association of Architects.

"The Faculty of Architecture, Landscape and Design has seen a period of notable renewal under the leadership of Dean Larry Richards," Neuman said. "Dean Baird will build upon its

accomplishments and ensure the continuing vitality and high quality of its faculty and student contributions to architectural theory and criticism, architectural practice and the lively and ongoing debates around architecture and urban design in the city of Toronto."

Reached at his office at Harvard, Baird said, "It is a great pleasure to come back to U of T and I look forward to the challenges. The faculty has been in a state of renewal and if Dean Richards has completed the foundations and basement I look forward to building up the next storeys."

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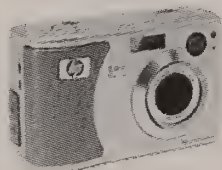
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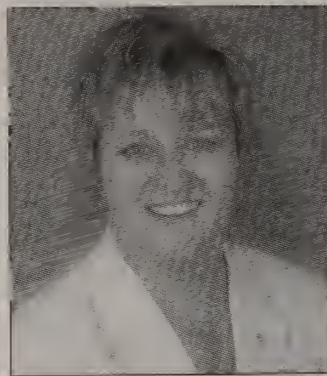
Wells Was Voice for UTM

MARYANN WELLS, A DEVOTED and respected staff member at the University of Toronto at Mississauga for 28 years, lost her 17-year struggle with cancer Dec. 5. She was 54 years old.

Although a private person as far as her own illness was concerned, Wells was a strong supporter of promoting cancer education and research. As recently as last fall, she participated in the Sept. 20-21 Weekend to End Breast Cancer walk along with three colleagues in the Department of Development, Alumni and Public Relations. Two weeks later Wells joined the CIBC Run for the Cure. "She remains an inspiration to all of us to never stop trying to make a difference," said Kathy Chadder, a close friend and a member of the team. And making a difference was a guiding principle in Wells' approach to everything she did at UTM.

Wells joined Erindale in 1975, becoming an information officer in 1984. Over the years her title and responsibilities evolved but all of them, including most recently as public relations officer, involved working closely with students, staff, faculty and alumni as well as the community at large. "Maryann was the voice for UTM," Chadder said. "Her formidable energy drove the office and every project she was involved with."

As liaison with Associates of



Erindale College, a community group linking the campus and the community, Wells worked hard to advance the relationship between the group and the college, a relationship that resulted in an endowed scholarship of just over \$110,000. "Her service to the associates was incomparable," said Joyce Delves, chair of the associates. "She was not only a dedicated employee — she was an ambassador par excellence, exemplifying not only academic and professional excellence but also the warm and friendly face of the university. To the associates she was a much loved and respected friend."

Also in her capacity as public affairs officer, Wells often called upon students to volunteer their services for various events and for many the relationship created with UTM has lasted well beyond graduation day. "She made

everyone feel special and important and was genuinely concerned and interested in everyone with whom she interacted," said Mark Deacon, a 1987 graduate. "She is one of the reasons why Erindale was, is and will always be a very special place." As well, she managed the production and wrote for *Inside UTM*, *Alumni Matters*, *Year in Review* and *UTM*, created by Wells four years ago. The 2004 edition is dedicated to her as will all future issues.

For her contributions to the UTM community, Wells received the Erindale College Staff Service Award in 1999 and the night before she died was honoured by the UTM Alumni Association with the Paul W. Fox Award, recognizing commitment and dedication to improving campus life. Two of her children accepted the award on her behalf at a reception held at Lislehurst and delivered it to her that night.

"Maryann enriched the UTM community by her years of knowledge and dedication to this campus and to the University of Toronto," said Professor Ian Orchard, vice-president and principal of UTM. "The faculty, staff and alumni have relied on her for not only the incredible work that she did but also for the compassion and the fervour with which she did it. Maryann will be missed."



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LANGUAGE CONTEXT

Trudeau scholar explores politics of linguistic diversity

By SHEILA DABU

"THERE ARE NO ACTUAL PIGEONS IN PIGEON Lake," says Robert Nichols, a doctoral student in political science, as he reminisces fondly about his hometown in rural Alberta.

Nichols is one of the inaugural group of 12 winners of the prestigious Trudeau Foundation Scholarship for outstanding doctoral students. Established in 2002 in honour of former prime minister Pierre Trudeau, the scholarships support and encourage research in the humanities and social sciences and foster public debate and research on public policy issues.

Although not a trained linguist, Nichols has learned to speak the language of many Canadians through his personal experiences. Growing up in Pigeon Lake, he made friends with neighbours living on aboriginal reserves. He would later work with the Métis nation of Alberta and live amongst indigenous communities in Mexico. Nichols was also introduced at an early age to the idea of working and knowing people with developmental disabilities by his father, a social worker.

And it was his wife who introduced him to Reception House, a branch of Catholic Charities in Edmonton that provides temporary accommodation and orientation services to refugees. For three years he taught lessons in Canadian history, geography, politics and "survival English." As a volunteer he learned about people's languages, homelands and lives.

Nichols is now applying some of his life experience to his research and will explore the political value of linguistic diversity. He is concerned about

the political implications of the rapid loss of global languages, particularly for indigenous peoples. (Linguists estimate only 10 per cent of the world's 6,000 languages will remain as spoken languages over the next 100 years.)

"There is a bit of a disjuncture between our aspiration [as Canadians] to be people who lead the world in terms of recognition of pluralism, equality and difference but at the same time I think aboriginals represent the single greatest challenge for non-aboriginal

Canadians: to realize our historical legacy which has been foisted on both aboriginal people and non-aboriginal people in Canada and to see ourselves as the inheritors of that legacy."

While he has great admiration for Trudeau, he does not share the former prime minister's views on multiculturalism

and challenges Trudeau's notion of language rights — there is no public responsibility for funding schools or programs if language rights are seen as personal, he argues.

He also has a provocative vision of Canada. "Canada is an experiment in accommodation so I would use the metaphor of a conversation. Shouting people down can be part of the conversation but I also think there are moments and there are times when there is great understanding in a dialogue between a group of diverse people. I also like that metaphor because it means there isn't a particular form ... It's very open-ended but I think that's precisely its strength."

Sheila Dabu is a features writer for the School of Graduate Studies.



STEVE BEHAL

Canada Needs More Investment to Close Prosperity Gap

CANADA MUST INVEST MORE IN ITS own future if it is to narrow a glaring prosperity gap with the United States, concludes a report from the Ontario Institute for Competitiveness & Prosperity and the Rotman School of Management.

On the one hand, the report lauds Canadians for having created one of the most successful economies in the world, second highest among countries with half of its population or greater. However, our per-capita GDP trails the United States by 15 per cent, or \$6,300 Cdn — the so-called prosperity gap.

Professor Roger Martin, dean of the Rotman School, observed that, "It's great for Canada to do so well in the global setting but closing the prosperity gap versus the U.S. would translate into more than \$10,000 per household in after-tax disposable income. For many families with a mortgage this added income could cover their mortgage costs; similarly, many tenants could cover their

rental costs or consider buying a house. Tax revenues to all governments in Canada would increase by \$75 billion — a significant contribution to health care and other costs — without raising tax rates." Although the gap has narrowed in recent years, it still is much larger in real dollars than where it stood two decades ago — a worrisome result, Martin said.

According to the report, Partnering for Investment in Canada's Prosperity, low productivity is a key factor. The authors noted that Canadians are not maximizing value from the country's endowment of human, physical and natural resources. To close the gap, they say Canadian individuals, businesses and governments must become partners in investing for tomorrow's prosperity.

The report, presented at the annual meeting of the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, Jan. 22, makes clear why Canada trails the U.S. in productivity and prosperity "It's

because we under invest," said Martin. Among the findings: Canadian businesses invest about 12 per cent less in machinery, equipment and software, which are critical drivers of productivity and innovation; spending on education is much lower than in the U.S., especially in higher education; governments at all levels have shifted spending away from areas of investment, such as education and infrastructure, towards areas that consume current prosperity, such as health care and social services; and significant under investment in cities.

The research also concludes that higher tax burdens, especially on capital investment, are an important factor in Canada's under investment. While analyses done in Ontario indicate Canada's tax burden has been declining, it has fallen even faster in the U.S. The report concludes that this has dampened capital investment and recommends exploring opportunities for tax reform.

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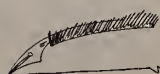
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By Audrey Fong

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T-Space is a centralized server space where research and academic communities can retain and archive multimedia materials while retaining copyright, rather than waiving rights upon release to academic publishers. U of T Libraries will not own the content of T-Space but will hold a non-exclusive licence to distribute and preserve items. T-Space provides a consistent framework for navigation and searching.

Submission and retrieval is through a simple web interface. Library staff will launch a custom T-Space portal for each research group (including logos) and provide

guidance in developing a workflow process, metadata requirements and distribution policies. According to Rea Devakos, T-Space service co-ordinator, it's idiot-proof: a seven-step procedure of pointing and clicking. Submitting to or viewing materials is free, although the library may assess exceptional resource requirements on a case-by-case basis. T-Space users have the option of restricting document access to the U of T community or not.

To date, there are 599 indexed (full text) documents on the T-Space server. Current users include the Munk Centre for International Studies, G7/G8 Research Group, KMDI and OISE/UT. Although the Centre for Instructional Technology Development at U of T at Scarborough is now defunct, its EBooks (1993-2002) are archived in T-Space.

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MAKING NOTES

Undergrad named first composer-in-residence at UTS

By SUE TOYE

KEVIN LAU'S MUSICAL CAREER STRUCK its first chord when he was barely out of diapers.

"I had a toy piano when I was two or three which I banged on a lot so my parents got me a real piano for my fifth birthday," recalls Lau, a third-year student of composition in the Faculty of Music. "From that, I fell in love with the instrument and kept on playing."

Now almost 20 years later, Lau hopes to instil that same passion in other budding musicians as the first composer-in-residence at University of Toronto Schools.

Judy Kay, a music teacher at UTS, came up with the idea of a resident composer and is excited about having U of T students like Lau bring their talent and expertise to the Grade 7 – 12 school for students of exceptional ability. "To me, it's a match made in heaven," Kay says. "I see it as being a really positive relationship on both sides."

The composer-in-residence is part of the Eureka! Centre, a program established by UTS in 2002 to forge collaborative projects between the school and community partners. Other initiatives involving students from the Faculty of Music include teaching, mentoring and instrument workshops.

Lau will compose

music for UTS students — including at least one song they will perform in the spring as part of a fundraising event for the centre — as well as lecture about the basics of music composition

and act as a general resource.

As a composer, Lau says he is always interested in having his work performed so he jumped at the chance when he heard about the composer-in-

residence initiative last fall. "I thought it would be a really good experience not only to have the chance to compose music for a

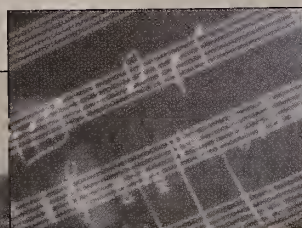
talented group of students but also have the experience of teaching, which is something I haven't done before," says Lau, who is considering a career

in teaching after he graduates.

At the ripe age of 21, the Hong Kong native is starting to make his own mark in the music industry. He composed his first piece when he was 16 and has since performed and composed contemporary music, his favourite genre. In 2002 Lau took first place in the Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra Young Composer Competition for his piece, *Voices of Time: A Portrait of Lake Moraine*. The prize? Getting to hear the orchestra perform one of his original works at a gala concert this season.

Several of Lau's early works were also arranged and performed by Allegiance Elite, a Canadian drum group, during their North American tour. Lau is currently collaborating with a filmmaker in the U.K. to write a score for a feature film.

But no matter how many music pieces Lau has composed, he says it is always a learning process. "You always learn something new each time but the composition part is only half of it. It's how the composition gets presented and that's where you learn a lot of it."



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It is nice to read that scientific study confirms what any acute observer of people knows — that people are influenced in their behaviour by what they see on the TV screen and try to mimic the lifestyles glamorized there (Sitcom *SO Transforms Modern English*, Jan. 12). Perhaps the time will come when we accept that glamorizing violence and crime on TV does have an effect on peoples' behaviour as well.

ANDRZEJ PINDOR
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EXPECTATIONS FOR JUNIOR FACULTY HIGHER

Professor Arthur Rubinoff laments the reduced teaching and administrative load experienced by new hires, noting that this leads to an extra burden on senior faculty (New hires, new standards, Letters, Jan. 12). Remarkably absent from his letter is the recognition that the university now has higher research expectations from junior faculty than previously was the case, which (in my humble opinion) is just as it should be. In this regard, protecting new faculty from heavy teaching and (particularly) administrative duties in order to allow research to flourish seems entirely sensible. Loading junior faculty with non-research duties is a recipe for denial of tenure and is ultimately bad for all parties. And in case you were wondering, my junior faculty days passed many years ago.

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ON THE OTHER HAND The Art of Making Book

BY NICHOLAS PASHLEY

JANUARY AGAIN, AND IT'S TIME TO EVALUATE everything that succeeded and failed in the old year. This annual ritual applies to us book trade drudges as well, and down at your campus bookstore we've been poring over the numbers to see where we went right and, occasionally, wrong. Or vice versa.

It should be so easy by now. Years ago, when I first became a bookseller, it was a pretty arcane science. We didn't have computers back then and we weren't terribly bright. We all just did our best. But in the last decade or two a number of extremely smart people have entered the business. These are the sort of people who describe the book trade as "an underperforming sector of the economy." That's how smart they are; I certainly hadn't thought of it. I thought it was just underpaid.

Mind you, some of these extremely smart people turned down J.K. Rowling's first book because there wasn't much of a market for books about boy wizards, but nobody's perfect. I mean, if there were a market for books about boy wizards it stands to reason there would be a lot of books about boy wizards, wouldn't there? You don't have to be an MBA to figure that out.

We're all looking for bestsellers, even us not very bright old dinosaurs. And if you pay Tom Clancy or Mary Higgins Clark a huge sum of money, you've got a shot at getting one. But — after a very long time — I have finally learned the secret to making big money in publishing: publish bestsellers that no one could have seen coming. It's simplicity itself, really. The people who finally did publish J.K. Rowling drive big fancy cars and are known in the best restaurants.

The biggest seller in the U.K. this past holiday season was a book about punctuation called *Eats, Shoots and Leaves*, written by a little-known English novelist. In second place was a TV tie-in guide to house cleaning. I'm not kidding. John Grisham was third. I challenge even the smart people to have predicted this. People are perverse. They'll read the books they want to read. Down on College Street,



our biggest seller in December was Robert J. Sharpe and Kent Roach's much-praised biography of Supreme Court Justice Brian Dickson, outselling Margaret MacMillan, Ann-Marie MacDonald, Bill Bryson and that Potter kid. In fact, we sold more Harry Potter in Latin than we did in English in December, which shows you how weird your campus bookstore is. And how weird the book business is.

You can tell people what to read but you can't make them do it. Conversely you can't stop them from reading books nobody knew they'd want. It wasn't a focus group that advised Yann Martel to write a novel about a 16-year-old kid from India getting stuck on a lifeboat with a 450-pound Bengal tiger. Michael Ondaatje's publisher didn't demand a novel about a guy who gets badly burned in a plane crash in wartime North Africa and we're not sure if he's English or not. These books just sort of happened because they seemed a good idea to an author. It's apparently something to do with creativity. And they both won the Booker Prize. No accountant would have published *Ulysses* but it continues to tick over nicely. That's the lovely thing about books. One person's *Freddy the Pig* is another person's *Remembrance of Things Past*.

Which brings me to my point — and I just remembered I had one. In the last couple of issues of the U of T Bookstore Review I've been asking readers to send me a list of their five favourite books. That's favourite, not necessarily most important or books you want to show off about having read. Any genre, fiction or non-, domestic or imported. And I'm extending this same invitation to readers of *The Bulletin*. Think about it and send your list — annotated or not — to npashley@uoftbookstore.com. You'll be glad you did.

Nicholas Pashley buys, sells and reviews books for the U of T Bookstore.

SPOTLIGHT ON RESEARCH

Brain Switches & Scribbles

MIKE ANDRECHUK



Brain receptor switches addiction on, off

The discovery of a molecular "addiction switch" in the mammalian brain has the potential to control the addiction process in drug addicts, U of T researchers say.

A study published Jan. 18 in the online edition of *Nature Neuroscience* finds that a region of the brain called the VTA contains receptors that, when exposed to a certain enzyme, can control the switch from an addicted to non-addicted state and back again. This goes against previous ideas that viewed drug addiction as a permanent change in the brain, said lead author Steven Laviolette who conducted the research while a PhD student in anatomy and cell biology with Professor Derek van der Kooy, senior author of the study.

"Our findings suggest that instead of a permanent alteration in the brain, there's actually a switch that goes on between two separate systems — one that

mediates the brain's response to drugs while not yet addicted and the other that mediates response once addicted," Laviolette said. "They also suggest we may be able to manipulate that switch pharmacologically to take drug addicts back to a non-addicted state in a relatively short period of time so they do not crave the drug."

The switch is a brain receptor known as GABA-A; an enzyme — carbonic anhydrase — produced by the body controls how the receptor behaves. In studies with rats, the researchers were able to manipulate the enzyme with a drug to control whether it turned this switch on or off. Without such intervention, the brain can switch back to a non-addicted state following a period of withdrawal from drugs — a process often measured in weeks. By manipulating the enzyme pharmacologically, however, that return to a non-addicted state in rats has been reduced to a matter

of hours, said Laviolette, now a post-doctoral fellow at the University of Pittsburgh.

"The same anatomical pathways that we're manipulating in rats also exist in humans so we hope that this will be applicable to human drug addiction as well," he said.

Collaborators on the study, funded by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research, included Roger Gallegos and Steven Henriksen of the Scripps Research Institute in California.

JESSICA WHITESIDE

Flexible screen ready to roll

In the future, powering up your laptop may require that you unroll it first.

Engineers at the University of Toronto are the first Canadian team to construct flexible organic light-emitting devices (FOLEDs), technology that could lay the groundwork for future generations of bendable television, computer and cellphone screens. "It opens up a whole new range of possibilities for the future," said Professor Zheng-Hong Lu of materials science and engineering. "Imagine a room with electronic wallpaper programmed to display a series of Van Gogh paintings or a reusable electronic newspaper that could download and display the day's

news and be rolled up after use."

Today's flat panel displays are made on heavy, inflexible glass that can break during transportation and installation. Lu, working with post-doctoral fellow Sijin Han and engineering science student Brian Fung, developed FOLEDs made on a variety of lightweight, flexible materials ranging from transparent plastic films to reflective metal foils that can bend or roll into any shape.

FOLED technology could be manufactured using a low-cost, high-efficiency mass production method, Lu said. The team, which is already commercializing some related technology, hopes a marketable device could be created within two to three years.

To view a video of the flexible substrate, please visit: http://www.nit.utoronto.ca/news/03_foled.avi.

NICOLLE WAHL

Scribbles reveal public, private histories

The act of writing in the margins of books — which today is generally considered vandalism — was accepted as a privilege of ownership in the 18th and early 19th centuries, says a U of T English professor.

"No one really gave it a second thought and more often than not it

was considered a good thing," Heather Jackson says in *Romantic Readers: The Witness of Marginalia*. "It made the books more valuable and it was actually seen as an attractive option for readers to add to a book by writing inside it."

In this, her second volume of research studying marginalia, Jackson examines ordinary everyday scribbles as well as such famous cases as Blake, Coleridge and Keats. One well-educated widow of a brewer in the 1790s wrote extensively in books for the benefit of her friends. She filled her own volumes with educated notes that were connected with the text.

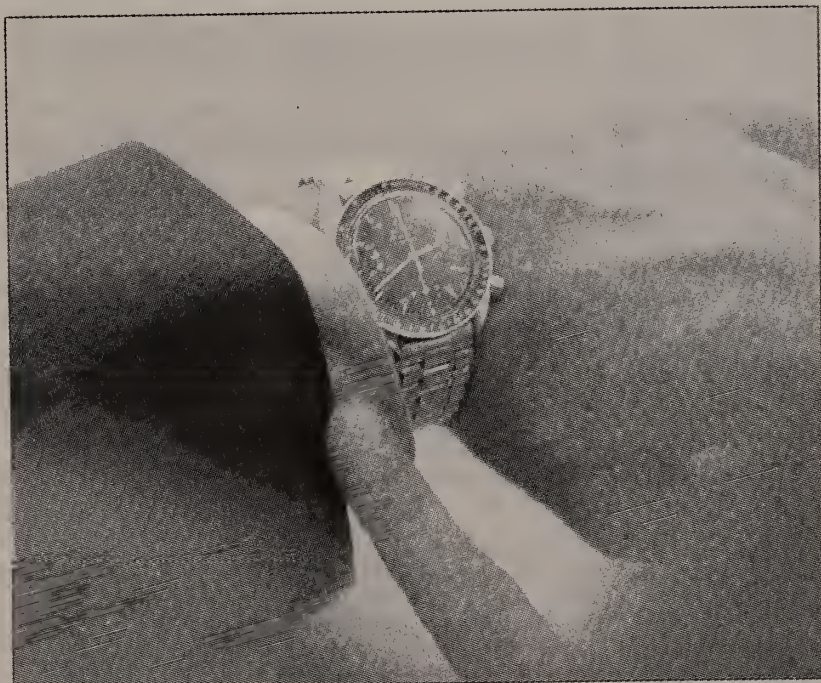
The seemingly simple act of reading these marginalia helps us understand other times much better, Jackson said. "Quite often it reveals information we wouldn't acquire anywhere else. If you look at a lot of these marked-up books, you get a sense of a collective mentality. Reading them, you are learning something about the way people thought about books, about the act of reading and about themselves. They didn't think of themselves as consumers but as collaborators."

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LECTURES

Constructions of Modernity.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27
Andrew Payne, Faculty of Architecture, Landscape & Design. 103 Architecture Building, 230 College St. 7 p.m. *Architecture, Landscape & Design*

Harmonic Analysis in Mathematics.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28
University Prof. James Arthur, mathematics; University Professor lecture series. 108 Koffler Institute for Pharmacy Management. 7 p.m. *Global Knowledge Foundation, Arts & Science and Eldenwood Foundation*

Banff National Park in Cardiac Arrest: The Need to Defibrillate.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Prof. Nigel Waltho, York University. Auditorium, Medical Sciences Building. 3 p.m. *Royal Canadian Institute*

SEMINARS

A High Throughput Strategy for the Detection of Quantitative Trait Genes.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28
Prof. Robert Hitzemann, Oregon Health Sciences University. 968 Mt. Sinai Hospital. Noon. *Samuel Lunenfeld Research Institute*

The Business Case for Sustainability: How Strongly It?

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28
Bob Willard, PhD candidate, OISE/UT and Institute for Environmental Studies. 2093 Earth Sciences Centre. 4 p.m. *Environmental Studies*

User Error: Our Relation to Computers.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30
Prof. Ellen Rose, University of New Brunswick. 7-162 OISE/UT, 252 Bloor St. W. Noon to 2 p.m. *Study of Education & Work, OISE/UT*

EVENTS

Exploring Gene Functions in Yeast and Mouse Using DNA Microarrays.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2
Prof. Timothy Hughes, medical genetics and microbiology. 2172 Medical Sciences Building. 4 p.m. *Laboratory Medicine & Pathobiology*

Integrative Anti-Racism and Feminism.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2
Prof. Roxana Ng, adult education and counseling psychology; Prof. Sherene Razack, sociology and equity studies; Nora Gold, Centre for Women's Studies in Education; and Prof. Njoki Wane, sociology and equity studies; celebrating 20 years of the Popular Feminism series. 12-199 OISE/UT, 252 Bloor St. W. 8 p.m. *Women's Studies in Education, OISE/UT*

MEETINGS & CONFERENCES

Planning & Budget Committee.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3
Council Chambers, Simcoe Hall. 5 p.m.



MUSIC

U OF T ART CENTRE Tuesday Concert Series.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27
Raffi Altounian, classical guitar. East Gallery. Noon.

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 29
Mark Fewer, violin. Walter Hall. 12:10 p.m.

Jazz@8:30.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30
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Chamber Music Series.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2
Ying Quartet. Walter Hall. 7 p.m. Tickets \$21, students and seniors \$11.

Voice Performance Class.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3
Oratorio Ensemble. Walter Hall. 12:10 p.m.

Young Artists Recital.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3
Allison Bent, soprano; Kathryn Knapp, mezzo; Michael McBride, tenor; Jason Nedecky, baritone; Stephen Ralls and Bruce Ubukata, piano. Walter Hall. 8 p.m. Tickets \$12, students and seniors \$6.

PLAYS & READINGS

U of T Drama Festival.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28 TO SATURDAY, JANUARY 31
A plethora of original one-act plays, each representing a campus theatre company, compete for five awards over the four nights of this annual adjudicated festival; presented by Hart House Theatre and U of T Drama Coalition. Hart House Theatre. 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$12, students and seniors \$10. Box office: 416-978-8668; www.harthousetheatre.ca.

EXHIBITIONS

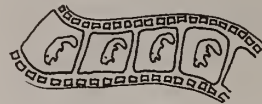
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TO JANUARY 29
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Friday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 1 to 4 p.m.

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Michael Fernandes, solo exhibition includes video projects, signage projects and off-site sculpture on the campus of UTM. Gallery hours: Monday to Friday, noon to 5 p.m.; Sundays 1 to 5 p.m.



U OF T ART CENTRE Canadian Art for a Canadian University.

TO APRIL 20
Exhibition examines the various ways in which members of the Group of Seven were connected to the University of Toronto and how their paintings came to be in the university's collection; curated by fine art students, supervised by Niamh O'Laoghaire. Hours: Tuesday to Friday, noon to 5 p.m.; Saturday, noon to 4 p.m.

MISCELLANY

Women in Life Learning Opening Gala.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30
Opening gala features Profs. Sylvia Bashevkin of political science and Amanda Peet of physics as well as Toronto jazz singer Heather Banbrick. Seeley Hall. 6 to 9 p.m. RSVP: willgala2004@hotmail.com.

DEADLINES

Please note that information for the Events listing must be received at The Bulletin offices, 21 King's College Circle, by the following times:

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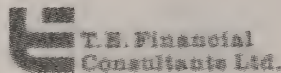
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REVIEW

SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES

Provost Shirley Neuman has established a committee to review the School of Graduate Studies. Professor Michael Marrus will complete his term as dean June 30, after which he will be taking an administrative leave and then retiring. Member are: Professors Shirley Neuman, vice-president and provost (chair); James Barber, Faculty of Social Work; Rorke Bryan, Faculty of Forestry; Richard Bond, Canadian Institute for Theoretical Astrophysics; Ross Ethier, mechanical and industrial engineering; Maryanne Feldman, Rotman School of Management; Edith Hillan, Faculty of Nursing; Glen Jones, OISE/UT; David Klausner, English and Centre for Medieval Studies; Heather Murray, English; Ian Orchard, U of T at Mississauga; Kwong-loi Shun, U of T at Scarborough; Anastasios Venetsanopoulos, Faculty of Applied Science & Engineering; Robert Vipond, political science; and Kim Woodhouse, chemical engineering and applied chemistry; and Carole Moore, chief librarian; and Kendra Coulter, Françoise Ko and Jorge Sousa, graduate students.

Comments and suggestions are

welcomed and should be sent to Sheree Drummond, assistant provost and special assistant to the provost, before Feb. 1 at Room 225, Simcoe Hall; fax, 416-978-3939; e-mail, sheree.drummond@utoronto.ca.

DEPARTMENT OF FRENCH

An external review committee has been established to review the Department of French Feb. 5 and Feb. 6. Members are: Professors Marc Angenot, Département de langue et littérature françaises, McGill University; Mary Green, Department of French & Italian, Dartmouth College; and Douglas Walker, Department of French, Italian & Spanish, University of Calgary.

The committee would be pleased to receive comments from interested persons. These should be submitted to Professor Pekka Sinervo, dean, Faculty of Arts & Science, Room 2005, Sidney Smith Hall.

SEARCH

DEAN, SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES

In accordance with Section 61 of the Policy on Appointment of Academic Administrators (Perron Rules). President Robert Birgeneau has established a

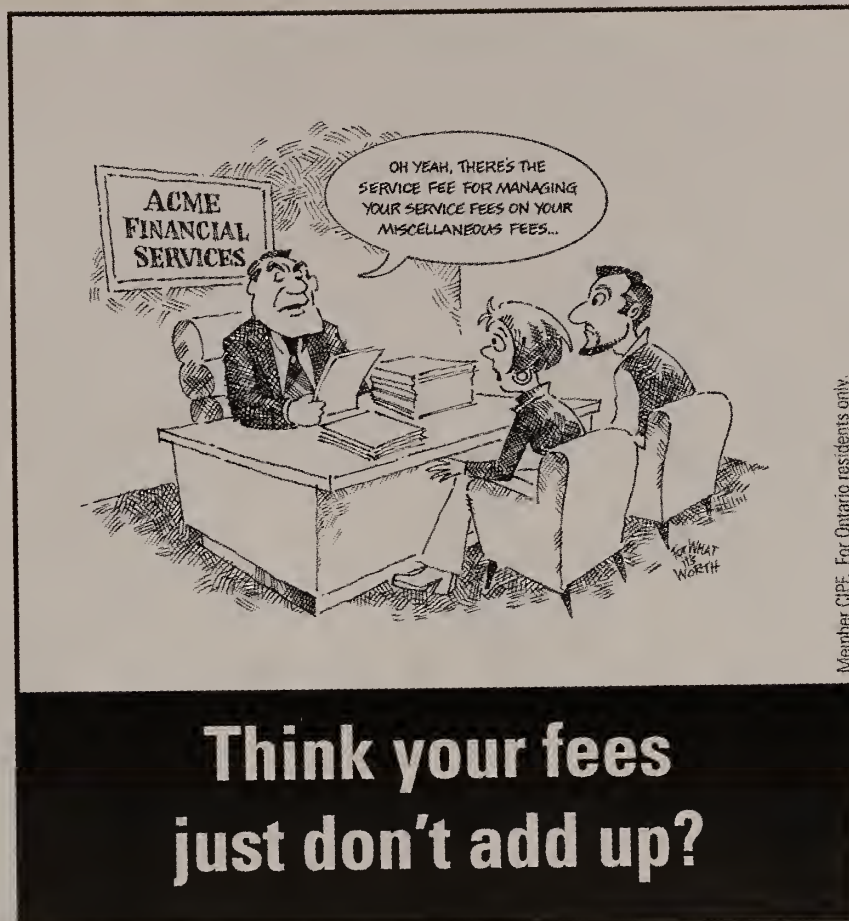
search committee to recommend the appointment of a dean of the School of Graduate Studies. Professor Michael Marrus will complete his term as dean June 30, after which he will be taking an administrative leave and then retiring. Members are: Professors Shirley Neuman, vice-president and provost (chair); Richard Bond, Canadian Institute for Theoretical Astrophysics; Edith Hillan, Division IV, School of Graduate Studies; Glen Jones, Division II, School of Graduate Studies; Heather Murray, Division I, School of Graduate Studies; Ian Orchard, U of T at Mississauga; Kwong-loi Shun, U of T at Scarborough; Anastasios Venetsanopoulos, Faculty of Applied Science & Engineering; Robert Vipond, political science; and Kim Woodhouse, Division III, School of Graduate Studies; and Carol Moore, chief librarian; and Carolyn Johnston, School of Graduate Studies; and Kendra Coulter, Françoise Ko and Jorge Sousa, Graduate students.

The committee welcomes comments and nominations from interested persons. These should be sent to Sheree Drummond, assistant provost and special assistant to the provost, by Feb. 6 at Room 225, Simcoe Hall; fax, 416-978-3939; e-mail, sheree.drummond@utoronto.ca.

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Lifelong Learning

New national learning institute should not be based on tired assumptions

BY MARY CONE BARRIE

THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED IN December that it will create a learning institute as one of the first major deliverables of its innovation strategy. The institute, probably to be named the Canadian Council on Learning, will collect information about how people learn at all stages of their lives and it will start by focusing on people in the workforce.

There is good news and bad news in this announcement: the good news is that the institute will examine what works and what doesn't for people of all ages; the bad news is that the tired assumptions about lifelong learning are the same as they always were.

Politicians continue to err in their assumption that lifelong learning is a political plank. By declaring lifelong learning as part of its platform, a political party suggests that our modern economy could elect not to be knowledge driven. In truth, lifelong learning is neither "nice to have" nor a way to win votes. Everyone recognizes that what you learned in completing a degree, or any level of education, will not last a lifetime. You need to adapt constantly over an increasingly longer personal and professional life. Technological breakthroughs force continuous learning as a life skill and a life requirement.

The second assumption is that lifelong learning is mainly about retraining and job skills. That is an important part of it. But lifelong learning is not about figuring out what people need to know and then imposing it. Human resources planning too often assumes that the skills needed between the old world and the new are a matter of degree. A computer worker needs to learn a new system. A watchmaker needs to move from making one type of watch to making another. The reality is that computer workers go off to study history and watchmakers decide to become mediators instead.

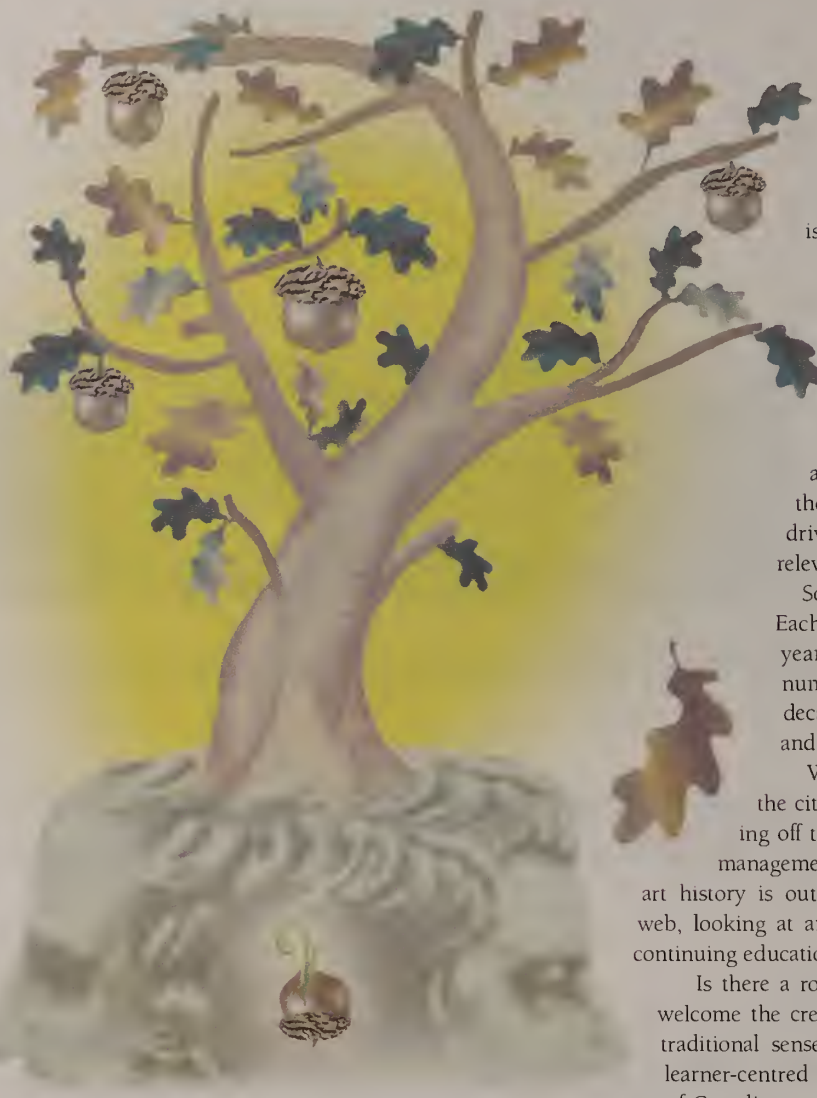
A third assumption is contained in the statement that the institute "will collect information about how people learn at all stages of their lives." Experience has shown that generalizations are almost impossible.

There was a time when continuing education for people in their 30s and 40s assumed that they wanted career-based programs. By the age of 60 and up, we assumed that folks walked away from this pragmatic approach to learning because, while they were doing engineering, they didn't have time or the inclination to do literature.

But adults are not that predictable. A senior who has been retired for four years enrolls in a dispute resolution course in order to volunteer full-time for his city as a negotiator. A young banking executive takes philosophy to get away for a few hours a week. The crossovers are enormous.

This leads to the fourth assumption. While government programs often go about matching skills versus what is needed today or what is needed tomorrow, individual adults simply go about making these choices for themselves. People are self-motivated and self-directed. Given the opportunity they will take advantage of it. Left to themselves, they will seek it out.

The most important consequence of recognizing how lifelong learning really works is the result. When people make their own decisions to go after a new kind of work, their motivation to learn is higher and their accomplishments reflect that motivation. The plain fact is that people find it hard to respond to being ordered to adapt in what



is effectively a democratic society.

At least this is what our students tell us. The School of Continuing Studies had more than 12,000 registrations last year alone. The school holds its classes all over the St. George campus and in Mississauga, Oakville, Markham, Orangeville and Aurora. It offers non-credit courses and operates on a cost-recovery basis. This means that all these students are making their own choices, driven by their own personal desire to stay relevant and skilled and paying their own way.

So we have a sizable base from which to draw. Each year we talk to adults ranging from 18 to 100 years of age. Interestingly enough, student numbers are distributed about evenly across the decades. They tell us what they are keen to learn and we try hard to find a way to offer it.

We also survey bestsellers in bookstores around the city several times a year. We check what is moving off the shelves in categories like parenting, health, management, literature, arts and culture. We ask whether art history is outshining project management. We survey the web, looking at amazon.com sales, peer institutions and other continuing education programs across North America.

Is there a role for government in all this? Absolutely. We welcome the creation of the learning institute. But not in the traditional sense. We need a partner in establishing a truly learner-centred paradigm so that we can respond to the needs of Canadians most effectively.

Government can best support lifelong learning by providing the facility to become more interactive. On the one hand, we need to hear from people. Lifelong learning is not the same everywhere because location makes a difference. We need to know from economic development officers or MPs, for example, about particular regional needs and interests. The new institute can play a pivotal role in undertaking this kind of research and programs can be developed for best impact.

We would also suggest that government needs to hear from continuing education practitioners. At the School of Continuing Studies alone thousands of students are selecting from among our hundreds of courses each year. Government can tap a sustained and vibrant continuing education community as a source of applied and market research to inform its lifelong learning agenda and, by extension, its social and economic priorities.

We have high hopes for the learning institute because it promises to build on the personal initiative we see every day. We can be optimistic about the current state of continuing education in Canada. But we urge government to abandon its assumptions about the "third age of education." This lifelong learning community constitutes a completely different economic and philosophical landscape.

Working together, education providers and government have the responsibility to strengthen and endow this activity. But it is not just about money. While resources are necessary, the critical development will be to create a dialogue. In a learner-centred universe, instead of government setting the priorities, the people themselves will tell us what would make them happier and more productive.

Mary Cone Barrie is director of the School of Continuing Studies.

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